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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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USDEL MTN GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4929

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD GATT SF

SUBJ: MTN: SOUTH AFRICAN APPROACH

REF: MTN GENEVA 9394

1. LINE GIVEN TO MCNAMARA AND NEWKIRK AGREES WHOLLY WITH LINE  
SAG DISPENSES HERE.

2. ONE POINT OF WHICH DELEGATION SHOULD BE AWARE CONCERNS PER  
CAPITA GNP. IN VIEW OF EXTREME INEQUALITY OF INCOME DISTRIBUTION  
THE PER CAPITA FIGURE IS NOT VERY USEFUL FOR MOST ANALYTICAL  
PURPOSES. SAG HOWEVER SEEMS TO WANT TO USE THE FIGURE (WHICH  
IN ANY CASE IS NOT LOW AT ABOUT \$1,170) TO PLEAD FOR TREATMENT  
AS LDC OR "SEMI-DEVELOPED" COUNTRY IN THE MTN. THIS ARGUMENT,  
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ALREADY WEAK, WILL BE WEAKER STILL AS FROM OCTOBER, 1976 WHEN

3 MILLION OF THE POOREST CITIZENS WILL CEASE TO BE SA CITIZENS AND BECOME CITIZENS OF AN INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI. ONE RESULT WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT JUMP IN PER CAPITA GNP CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE REMAINING POPULATION OF ABOUT 22.4 MILLION. OUR VERY ROUGH CALCULATION GIVES A JUMP OF OVER 10 PERCENT IN PER CAPITA GNP IN SOUTH AFRICA ON THE DAY OF TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE.

3. THE POINT IS ACADEMIC BUT IF THE SAG INSISTS ON SAYING THAT THIS IS A POOR COUNTRY THEY HAVE TO ARGUE THAT \$1,300 (1975 DOLLARS) IS A LOW PER CAPITA INCOME--A DIFFICULT POSITION TO TAKE. OF COURSE, IF THE SAG WANTS TO CLAIM CONCERN FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMS ARE (BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, TRANSKEI), THEY HAVE A POINT, BUT SOLICITUDE OVER THE WELFARE OF THESE MEMBERS HAS NOT BEEN A FEATURE OF SA TRADE POLICY (OR OTHER POLICIES).  
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